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BUY THEM AND HOLD THEM—PATTERSON



TWO DOWN!—ONE TO GO!



Rapid Decline In Jobs at Shipyard Alarms Unionists

(Release from Office of California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. Alarming cuts in the production force of shipyards and aircraft industries can be expected to become harbingers of a dismal future, judging by the latest report of the Division of Labor Statistics and Law Enforcement of the State Department of Industrial Relations, unless action is taken at once to remedy this decline, which will create havoc in the ranks of the wage earners of this state.

The Director of Industrial Relations states: "The production force in California shipyards (excluding government yards), was cut to 191,000 wage earners in March, from 208,800 in February." Director Scharenberg goes on to say that: "This decrease of 17,800 was the largest month-to-month contraction in shipyard wage-earner employment since the start of war production. The maximum monthly decline reported by California shipyards during 1944 was a decrease of 9,200 wage earners. Shipyard production employment this March was 71,200, or 27 per cent, below March, 1944, and 91,500, or 32 per cent, below the September 1943 peak."

AIRCRAFT DOWN, TOO

Another baleful piece of news is the downward trend in aircraft production employment, which, according to the report, was interrupted in January and February, but was resumed in March as the factory force in this industry declined to 159,700, a reduction of 1,300 from February. The report states: "Production employment in aircraft plants this March was 52,600, or 2 per cent, below a year ago."

Paralleling this downward trend in these two basic industries, the factory force in durable goods industries as a whole decreased to 537,700 in March, representing a decline of 18,100 from February.

ESTIMATES DESCRIBED

The report then defines the estimates as it affects the Los Angeles and San Francisco industrial areas.

In Los Angeles it reveals that:

"The shipyard production force (excluding government yards) in the Los Angeles industrial area dropped to 65,700 wage earners in March, a loss of 3,400 from February, and 18,100, or 22 per cent, from March 1944. A decrease of 1,000 workers in the area's aircraft plants brought factory employment in this industry down to 125,400 in March from 126,400 in February. Aircraft wage-earner employment this March was 43,900, or 26 per cent, below a year ago."

SITUATION IN S.F.

In San Francisco the report reveals the following: "The sharpest contraction in Bay Area shipyard employment since the start of the war program occurred this March. Shipyards (excluding government yards) in the San Francisco Bay industrial area (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo Counties) employed 119,500 wage earners in March compared with 133,600 in February. This decrease of 14,100 was almost twice as large as the maximum monthly decrease reported previously. The number of wage earners in the area's shipyards this March was 48,200, or 29 per cent, below March, 1944, and 65,700, or 35 per cent, below the peak of August, 1943."

This data not only gives room for considerable thought, but it is increasingly evident that programs for the reconversion period must, without delay, be actually translated from the realm of journalism into that of action.

PUT THE HEAT ON!

Washington, D. C. Unless there is an immediate renewal and intensification of the drive to obtain signatures of Representatives to House Discharge Petition No. 1, passage this year of H.R. 7, the anti-poll tax bill, may be endangered, the International Labor Defense warns.

Of 218 needed signatures, only 170 had been obtained before the Easter Recess. Since Congressmen have returned to Washington, only four more have added their signatures. Forty-four more signatures were needed as of last week.

"The situation indicates a serious lag in pressure by constituents on Congressmen who have not yet signed," Louis Colman, secretary and legislative director of the I.L.D. said.

"Every one of the forty-four remaining signatures must be fought for. Any Representative who has not yet signed must be a recalcitrant who needs top pressure from home."

Hygiene Association Praises Unions For Venereal Fight Help

New York City. Organized labor has become an increasingly important ally in the nation's fight against the venereal diseases, and factors contributing to their spread and the damaging of family life and welfare, Dr. Walter Clarke, Executive Director of the American Social Hygiene Association, declared upon issuing the Association's Annual Report for 1944.

"Through the active support and interest of officers and editors of many AFL, CIO, Railroad Brotherhood and independent union bodies, large numbers of war-essential workers in industry have received valuable information about the control and prevention of syphilis and gonorrhea," Dr. Clarke said, "and this splendid cooperation is continuing on an expanding scale."

THEY SHARE THEIR MEAT

North Dakota the meat shortage is as bad as in any other state but the citizens there are going to get along on even less meat for the sake of international friendship.

More than 125,000 red ration points have been collected by the North Dakota Farmers Union to buy meat and butter for the starving peoples of Europe—with the goal set for 500,000 red points by the opening of the San Francisco world security conference. The points will be returned to OPA, which has been asked to turn them over to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration to buy and distribute the food.

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Vital Statistics Note

From a country newspaper: "Due to shortage of paper, a number of births will be postponed until next week."

Big Job Still Remains After V-Europe Day

Washington, D. C.

For every man, woman and child of the United Nations, V-E Day naturally a day of jubilant thanksgiving. But for millions of American families this mood will be tempered by the knowledge that a son, brother, or husband still faces bloody fighting in the battle of the Pacific. And for these fighters against Japan, V-E Day will simply be another day on which to fight.

How long it will take to win final victory will depend in large measure on the attitude with which we approach the vital supplementary tasks delegated to us here at home on V-E Day and after.

WHAT LIES AHEAD

1. The speediest possible victory over Japan will demand continued and even increased support for most home front programs; millions of war workers must remain on their jobs; bond drives must be supported; the fight to hold prices down must be continued.

2. Lack of awareness of the size of the military job ahead directly at the morale of our fighting men overseas; he is a better soldier or sailor who is made to feel that the people at home fully appreciate what he is still up against.

3. Lack of awareness in America about the size of the job ahead following V-E Day plays directly into the hands of the Japanese; they expect the Allies to grow tired and accept a negotiated peace; unless we face this fact realistically now we will surely be in for a psychological letdown.

Labor might actually claim that the charter committed management not to try to get rid of these laws the way the charter stands now, he said, offering the NAM's help to change the charter to get rid of these objections.

NAM Would Like To Adore Unions, But Be Able to Bust 'Em Up, Too

Boston, Mass.

The National Association of Manufacturers would love to cooperate with the labor-management post-war peace charter, so long as it doesn't mean that the NAM will have to give up its union-busting legislative aims, NAM Pres. Ira Mosher announced here.

With a straight face Mosher promised the NAM's wholehearted co-operation with the charter signed by the AFL, CIO and U. S. Chamber of Commerce—if the charter isn't interpreted as committing management to uphold laws protecting labor's rights the way they are now.

The charter "properly recognizes" the workers' right to organize freely and to engage in collective bargaining, he told the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants, but unfortunately it also states that there should not be any laws enacted to interfere with or discourage these aims, he complained.

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Average Annual Pay At General Motors Drops During Year

Detroit, Michigan

Though General Motors Corp. employed more workers in 1944 than in 1943 their average annual pay was somewhat lower, it appears from the annual report to stockholders made by Chairman Alfred P. Sloan and Pres. C. E. Wilson. Average number employed in the U. S. in 1944 on an hourly basis was \$36,167 and in 1943 it was \$32,808. Average annual pay was \$2960 in 1944 and \$2985 in 1943. Average workweek in 1944 was 45.6 hours and in 1943 it was 46.6 hours. Average weekly pay was \$56.93 in 1944 and \$57.40 in 1943. In 1941 it was \$43.41.

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Harold Bradshaw Awarded the DFC

Capt. Harold G. Bradshaw, 24, whose wife lives at 111 Monterey Road, Salinas, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross recently, according to Major General Howard C. Davidson, commanding general of the Tenth Air Force.

Capt. Bradshaw is operations officer of the Fifth Liaison Squadron, the "Jungle Angels of Burma," which group has won acclaim for evacuation of wounded men from battle lines, rescue of fliers from planes which crashed or landed in the Burma jungles, dropping medical supplies to isolated troops, and other feats.

SALINAS WORK KEEPS LABORERS ALWAYS BUSY

Increasing work in the Salinas area is keeping laborers and building tradesmen ever busier, reports J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas, and Salinas representative of the Monterey County Building Trades Council. Carpenters and laborers are needed in this area.

Jobs in progress now include: New meat freezing plant for the Spiegel Dehydration plant.

New meat freezing plant being built by Errington, with Alfred Junker as contractor.

New sugar beet dump at King City for Spreckels Co., with G. Stater, contractor.

Gypsum mine buildings for Granite Construction Co. near King City.

Three new stores at Hollister and air base work there. Small jobs at Salinas.

USES EXPLAINS JOB PROGRAMS FOR WAR VETS

Information obtained at Army and Navy hospitals about the skills, capabilities, and potential job talents of about-to-be discharged veterans is a basic part of the disabled veterans' program of the United States Employment Service. Sam Kagel, State Director, War Manpower Commission, Northern California, said today.

"With the general increase in employment opportunities, resulting from the war, the activities of the Veterans' Employment Service were accelerated and expanded," Kagel said. "In January of 1942, in cooperation with the Bureau of Naval Personnel, the Veterans Employment Service of WMC made arrangements whereby trained personnel of the USES interview disabled naval personnel at naval hospitals prior to their discharge and refer them to employment through local public employment offices, serving the communities to which they return. The program has since been extended to Army hospitals at the request of the U. S. Army."

Bob Mercer, manager of the Salinas USES, added that the advantage of taking pre-discharge registrations of veterans lies chiefly in the fact that it is possible for the USES to secure information from medical officers about the effects of the serviceman's disability on his future employment. Also, by obtaining records of the qualifications of service personnel prior to discharge and transmitting such records to the local USES offices it is possible, in most instances, to expedite placements upon their arrival. Men often go directly from the hospital to jobs in the immediate manpower area.

"Much time and thought are being devoted by the Veterans Employment Service of the USES to placement of the disabled in jobs where they can make full use of their capabilities," Mercer said. "In many instances, the personnel handling veteran placements have, in peace time, taken care of placement of handicapped civilians. They are able to match the physical requirements of jobs to the physical capacities of individuals on the basis of what they CAN accomplish, instead of what they CAN NOT."

Red Cross Pays Unions Tribute For Liberal Aid

Recognition of labor-management teamwork in the nation's generous over-subscription to the 1945 American Red Cross War Fund was given by Basil O'Connor, Red Cross Chairman, Irving Abramson, Chairman of the National CIO War Relief Committee, and Matthew Wall, President of the Labor League for Human Rights (AFL).

SALINAS CLC ISSUES LETTER OF JURISDICTION

The following was sent to all unions affiliated with the Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas and is self explanatory:

"Enclosed is a copy of letter received by this Council from State, County and Municipal Employees Union No. 420. This letter is self-explanatory and this Council joins with the State, County and Municipal Employees Union, Local No. 420 and urges those Unions claiming jurisdiction of those employed in any, and all work, by the State, County or Municipality of Salinas, and vicinity, to relinquish it immediately that there be complete harmony, and better further the interests of organized labor."

"Trusting this request be complied with at once, and extending best wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours,
Wm. G. KENYON,
Secretary-Treasurer."

Following is the letter from the State Employees Union:

"Monterey County Central Labor Council:

"At a recent meeting of the Executive Board of Local No. 420, California State, County and Municipal Employees, it was pointed out that the function of all Central Labor Councils is to render every service and aid possible to its affiliates.

"Keeping in mind the splendid cooperation and help already given Local 420, we at this time, feel a great assistance in organizational work is necessary and call upon this body to inform all the Trades and Crafts in this area that Local 420 is a duly chartered Local Union of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, an A. F. of L. affiliate, and that Local 420 claims jurisdiction over all State, County and Municipal Employees in this Salinas area.

"Enclosed you will find a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of Local 420, and under Article 3, Section 1-a, our object is to unite the State, County, and Municipal Employees in the vicinity of Salinas within the jurisdiction of the A.F.S.C. & M.E. for mutual welfare and protection and advancement.

"It is our aim and earnest desire that the Monterey County Central Labor Council, through its Secretary and Delegates notify all Trades and Crafts Unions in this area to this effect and if there is any union now has right of jurisdiction to relinquish it immediately.

"Hoping this matter will be given favorable attention in the near future, I remain

"Sincerely and Fraternally,
H. E. LYONS, President,
ROY M. ALLEN, Secretary.
Executive Board: Chas. H. Snyder, Clarence Canham, Louis J. Bentler."

Here's a Union Man Who Isn't Worried About Home Strikes

NEAR NUREMBERG, Germany (FP)—Pvt. Leonard A. Crum, a member of the Los Angeles local of International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, admits he doesn't know the story behind the strike news he hears in the army, but he's a man who has faith in his union and the labor movement.

"The union got us good conditions and several raises," he says. "And I look forward to more of the same after I'm no longer needed to tote this walkie-talkie set in and out of the battle lines." Crum is a radio man, a former employee of the McKesson & Robbins warehouse in Los Angeles. His wife and parents live in Columbia, Mo., but he's heading for California again, now the war is over. He's been overseas about 10 months.

Crum says: "I hear a lot of guys gripe about unnecessary strikes back home. They don't know conditions—how can we, busy as we are?

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Watt Advises S. F. to Keep Setup of ILO

San Francisco, Calif. The International Labor Office, organized under the League of Nations with representatives of government, management and labor, should be made the major economic and social agency of the new world organization being established by the United Nations, Robert J. Watt, AFL consultant to the U.S. delegation, said here.

Watt proposed that the ILO become the main arm of the Economic and Social Council, one of the five world bodies in the Dumbarton Oaks plan, but maintain its independence at the same time pointing to the ILO's achievements of the last 25 years. Watt said: "It has not been a perfect mechanism, but it has been the best international agency yet devised."

LIKES TRIPARTITE PLAN

He praised its tripartite setup in which each nation has two representatives from government and one each from industry and labor and said the new council should be "rooted in and representative of the people of the world rather than of the political national structures."

While Watt made known the AFL's plans for the future of the ILO, the World Trade Union Conference, it was disclosed, will seek direct representation on the Economic and Social Council. The WTUC's intentions were revealed by See. Walter Citrine of the British Trades Union Congress who, at the same time, expressed "hopes that the AFL will be a member of the new World Labor Congress" to be established by the WTUC.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS?

Here is an advertisement which Vice-President Milton Maxwell of Amalgamated Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen (AFL) dug up from his archives. It was collected by L. Seeliger of the Knights of Labor in 1890:

"Tenderloin steak, 10c a lb. Legs of veal, 8c. Eastern hams, 10c and 11c. Round Steak, 6c. Sirloin steak, 10c. Rib steak, 7c. Mutton shoulder, 5c. Mutton shoulder chops, 4 lbs. for 25c. Spare ribs, fresh or salted, 4 lbs. for 25c. Pigs' head and feet, 3c. 5,000 beef, sheep and hogs to be slaughtered within the next 30 days."

Sure there's a catch. Maxwell admits. Top wages for skilled labor in those old days were \$1 a day.

LITTLE LUTHER

"You see now, I hope, that you were too hasty in condemning the National Association of Manufacturers for not joining in the labor-industry charter," Mr. Dilworth said to his offspring.

"Maybe I need a pair of glasses," Little Luther answered. "I don't see that at all."

"Maybe you need a little respect for your elders," retorted Mr. Dilworth. "I was referring to the speech made by Pres. Ira Mosher of the NAM in Boston, in which he said the NAM would be glad to sign the charter . . ."

"If . . ." interrupted Little Luther.

"If," said his father with a suspicious glance at his son, "if they'll accept a few amendments."

"What's the NAM want?" asked Little Luther. "A place at the peace table for Mussolini, the resurrection of Gen. Pilsudski, justice for Franco, abolition of the Red Army and six votes for Sen. Vandenberg?"

"You are being very rude, Luther, and you are trying to confuse the question. That's my program for the San Francisco conference you're talking about. Let us get back to the NAM and the labor-industry charter," Mr. Dilworth said severely.

"You get back to the NAM. I'll go back to the charter," Little Luther advised him.

"I still don't see why the unions won't accept a few amendments," Mr. Dilworth said petulantly. "All the NAM wants to do is keep the right to fight the one-sided labor laws with which the nation is afflicted."

"All Hitler wanted was to keep the right to fight a few democratic laws with which he thought the world was afflicted," Little Luther answered.

"All I want . . ." Mr. Dilworth began.

"All you want," Little Luther finished for him, "we had before the war, and nobody wants it any more. You'd better get yourself a falseface and join the werewolves. Your side is licked and we're starting something better."

The Labor Editor Speaks

"ECONOMIC ROYALISTS" GET READY

We are rapidly approaching the time when the reactionary monopoly capital forces will cry: "Away with government controls! We've had enough of OPA, WFA and all the rest of the alphabetical controls! Let's get back to the American Way of Life!"

They will take advantage of war weariness and irritations over government controls to sabotage necessary regulation of corporations and utilities. "Away with the bureaucrats," they will scream—sure the cry will bring an echo from every ration-weary home. Monopoly servants in Congress and the legislatures will relax necessary control laws and the thousands of new millionaires will sink their fangs into their victims unless—

Terrific unemployment will come unless heroic measures are taken. In England Aneurin Bevan, labor member of Parliament, sizes up the situation there:

"Parliament debates unemployment when at the same time the instruments of employment are left in private hands. In short, responsibility rests with the people and power with private property. Parliament washes in public the linen which property dirties in private. It is a division of labor ultimately fatal to representative democratic government. It makes the public representative the scapegoat for the bandits of industry and finance, over whose actions he is denied effective control. Parliament is the professional public mourner for private economic crimes. This divorce of parliamentary discussion from action brings discussion itself into contempt."

What Bevan describes as taking place in Britain is also well under way in our own country, and many an economic royalist now fervently hopes that, with the passing of Roosevelt, the road is open to further exploitation.

PUZZLE FOR PATRIOTS

If a man despises everything about Russia and says that "at least Hitler knew how to handle the Jews," he can go right on working for the United States government and nobody bothers him.

But if another man admires economic planning in Russia or the social insurance system in that country, or if he thinks that the Russians are right on the Polish question and that the Baltic States ought to stay in the Soviet Union, he is immediately suspect. If he is working for the government the snoop committee, with the help of the FBI, hound him and smear him until he is pried loose from his job. If he is trying to get a government job, the witch-hunters go over his past with a fine-toothed comb. If they discover that he likes the way Tito has handled things in Yugoslavia, or the way the Soviet Union has handled the nationality question, or if they learn that he plumped for the people's government in Spain as against the Franco fascists in 1936, he is marked down as "subversive" with various shadings ranging from pale pink to ruddy red. The real crime, however, is to give the slightest impression that you consider the Russians fit to live in the same world with us.

The whole business is very confusing to those of us who have been laboring under the impression all these years that we were supposed to be fighting Germans and Japs!

PITY THE POOR CORPORATIONS!

The mournful wailing of the corporations regarding their "terrific taxes" loses force on consideration of the revised figures of the United States Department of Commerce on war time corporation profits. The following are the net corporation profits representing what is being made after all taxes have been paid:

Year	Profits
1939	\$4.2 billion
1940	5.8 billion
1941	8.5 billion
1942	8.7 billion
1943	9.8 billion
1944	9.9 billion

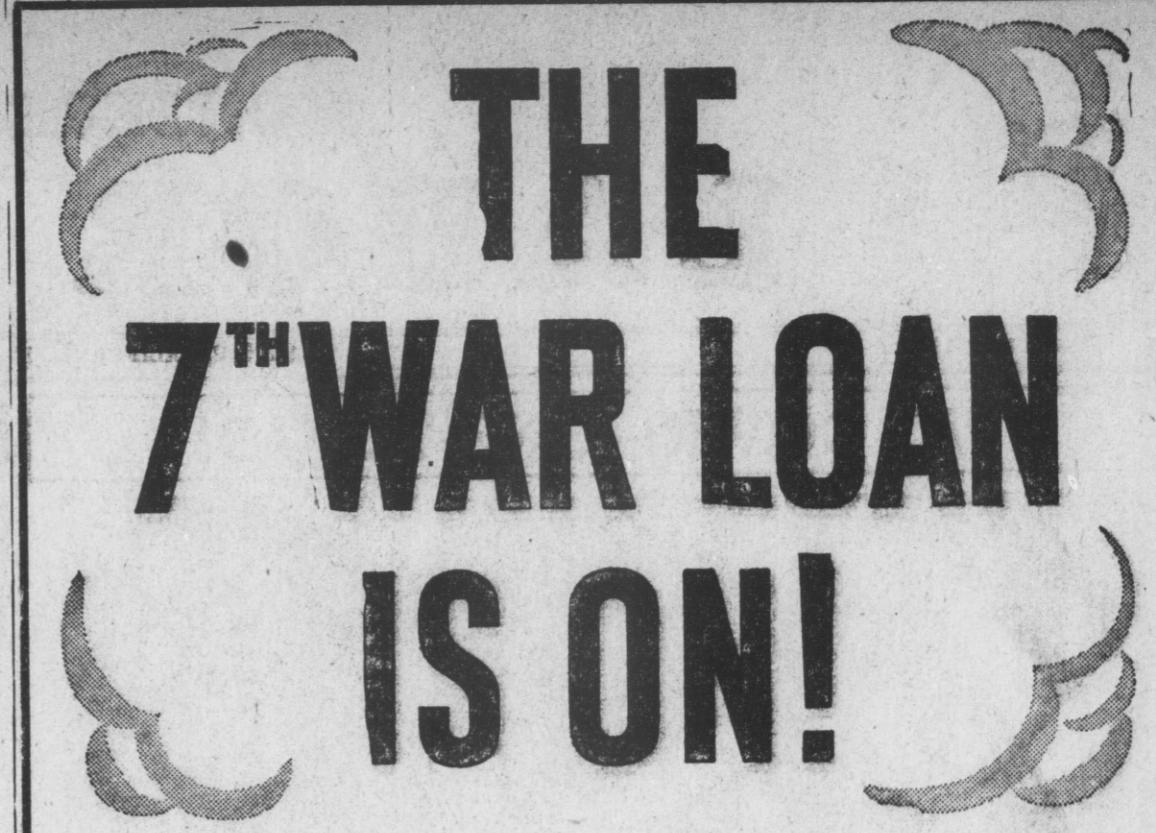
These figures do not tell all the story. The difference of \$5,700,000,000 between 1939 and 1944 will be even larger when the final "score" is in, for full information for 1944 is not yet available.

You can see that profits have been much more than doubled in the 5-year period. In that same period, on a straight time basis, how many workers have had their wages doubled? The answer is: There has been a Little Steel Formula for workers and a Big Steal Formula for capitalists. When the war started the late President Roosevelt declared that there should be no new millionaires made out of this war, and backed up that declaration with a demand that salaries be held to \$25,000 a year after taxes. Congress, however, ruled otherwise and so the profiteers have enjoyed a Roman holiday.

WAR AND YOUR POCKETBOOK

Here's one reason why you should be concerned about what goes on at the United Nations Conference: Up to the present, the United States, Britain and Russia have spent \$450 billion dollars on World War No. 2. The U. S. has spent about \$250 billion of this, with the Japs part of the struggle ahead of us.

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Yes, the Seventh War Loan is on right now!

There are new planes to be built...new tanks...new ships. All to bring the war to an earlier close.

Our fighting men will do their job. But we must do ours!

And right now, the most important job we have is to meet our personal quotas in the Seventh War Loan drive!

Those quotas are big. Uncle Sam needs \$7,000,000,000 from individuals. For this loan is really 2 in 1—there had been 2 drives in 1944, by this time. So now—we've

got to do a two-loan job in one.

But Americans have never failed to meet a War Bond quota yet—and we won't fail now! So find out what your quota is—and meet it!

FIND YOUR QUOTA...AND MAKE IT!

IF YOUR AVERAGE INCOME PER MONTH IS:	YOUR PERSONAL WAR BOND QUOTA IS: (CASH VALUE)	MATURITY VALUE OF 7TH WAR LOAN BONDS BOUGHT
\$250	\$187.50	\$250
225-250	160.00	200
210-225	140.25	175
200-210	120.00	150
180-190	93.75	125
160-170	75.00	100
150-160	57.50	75
Under \$100	37.50	50
	10.75	25

ALL OUT FOR THE MIGHTY 7TH WAR LOAN

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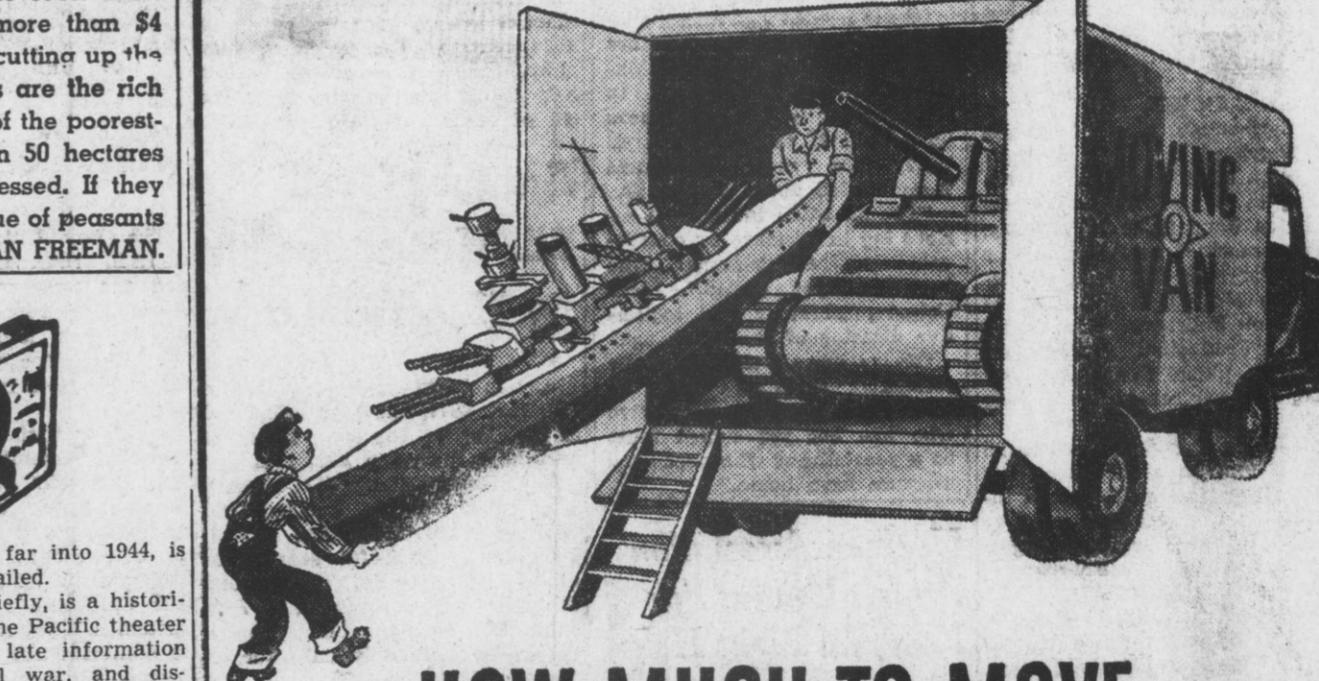
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What will it cost, this Moving Day of War?

Estimate it in these terms: The job of moving millions of men from one front to another. Thousands of ships to carry the supplies of battle. Swarms of new-type aircraft to blast the path into enemy territory.

You can get an idea of the cost from the fact that Uncle Sam needs 7 billions from us in the mighty 7th War Loan—now!

The Seventh War Loan will call for the greatest bond buying we have ever done.

If you have an income—whether from work, land, or capital—you have a quota in the 7th War Loan. Be sure to make it!

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160-170	75.00	100
150-160	57.50	75
Under \$100	10.75	25

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QUOTA BY MEETING YOUR PERSONAL QUOTA

BY THIS time last year Victory Volunteers in this community had made the rounds twice to get out fighting dollars for War Bonds. So if you've wondered why no one has called on you yet in 1945, here's the reason . . . The Mighty 7th War Loan (starting May 14) will be TWO GREAT DRIVES COMBINED IN ONE!

And think what that means. All the old rules of buying you set for yourself in the past are out. America's growing battle might is costing more dollars every hour. Only by your purchase of MORE BONDS AND BIGGER ONES in this double drive will you be doing right by the men who fight.

Remember that your community has a quota it will be proud to make. It's made up of all the personal quotas of you . . . your neighbor next door . . . the people up and down your street . . . EVERYBODY in this vicinity. So it's EVERYBODY ALL OUT . . . buy bigger bonds and more of them when the Victory Volunteer calls. Our fighting men are watching what you do!

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Various States Adopt Laws to Assist Injured

Washington, D. C. Post-war job opportunities for disabled veterans and war workers are helped by the enactment in nine State legislatures so far this year of second injury fund bills to overcome the reluctance of many employers to hire handicapped workers lest they suffer second injuries, become permanently and totally disabled and cost employers increased workmen's compensation charges, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins reports.

Kilgore Seeking Post Of Labor Secretary

Washington, D. C. Sen. Harley M. Kilgore (D., W. Va.) is working overtime these nights to win support for his ambition to become the next Secretary of Labor. Kilgore hopes to gain enough labor support to insure him the job when President Truman accepts the resignation of Mrs. Perkins.

U. S. Civil Service Red Tape Hit; Said Soon Due for Probe

Washington, D. C. While the U. S. Veterans Administration is taking a general beating in the press and on the air these days, another agency just as lax and just as badly handled, has been getting by scot-free.

Watch for a demand soon for a thorough-going probe of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, which is weighted down with hoary rules, limited by ancient prejudices and snarled in official red-tape. Civil Service has been lousing up the federal picture too long.

Labor Board Approves Steel Wage Increase

Los Angeles, Calif. The War Labor Board has given approval to a joint labor-management petition to allow a 14½% hourly increase to boiler tenders, rather than a war on left-wing trade unionism.

War bonds honor the dead.

London, England A storm is nearing in relations between Prime Minister Winston Churchill and the British labor movement. The reason lies in Churchill's refusal to meet a demand of the British Trade Union Congress to modify the Trades Union Act of 1927. After juggling the issue throughout the war, Churchill recently committed himself to a final rejection of the labor movement's plea.

Back in 1926 Churchill led the Conservatives in their war on the British unions, and if he is named the leader of a new government after the coming elections, British opinion is that he would resume his struggle against the labor movement.

The fight, however, would not be called a war on trade unionism, but rather a war on left-wing trade unionism.

Showdown Seen Between Labor, Mr. Churchill

NEAR NUERMBERG, Germany

—(FP)—The Corning, N.Y., local of Flint Glass Workers Union (AFL) has a strong supporter in Pvt. George E. Spernyak of 67 River St., Corning, a former em

ployee of the famed Corning glass works, who's been a radioman overseas for the last nine months.

Spernyak gets occasional bulletins from his union but the best thing he ever got was a back vacation paycheck that arrived about six months ago—and he thanks the union for it.

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Possibly New York and Detroit members of Stewart Die Casters Local 718, International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, had already oversubscribed their quota of \$66,400 by \$8699, or 113 per cent.

GI Gets Reminder of Value of Union As Vacation Check Paid

Chicago, Illinois indicated his idea of where he'd like to be put in a prisoner of war camp. But what the name of the president of United Mine Workers was doing in his gibberish is anybody's guess and everybody's laugh.

German Hollers 'John L. Lewis' For Surrender

WITH THE SEVENTH ARMY IN GERMANY — (FP)—Nobody I've talked to here is able to solve the mysterious code of a surrendering German soldier, but they're still grinning over it.

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Reconversion Lag Worries AFL; Demand Quick Action

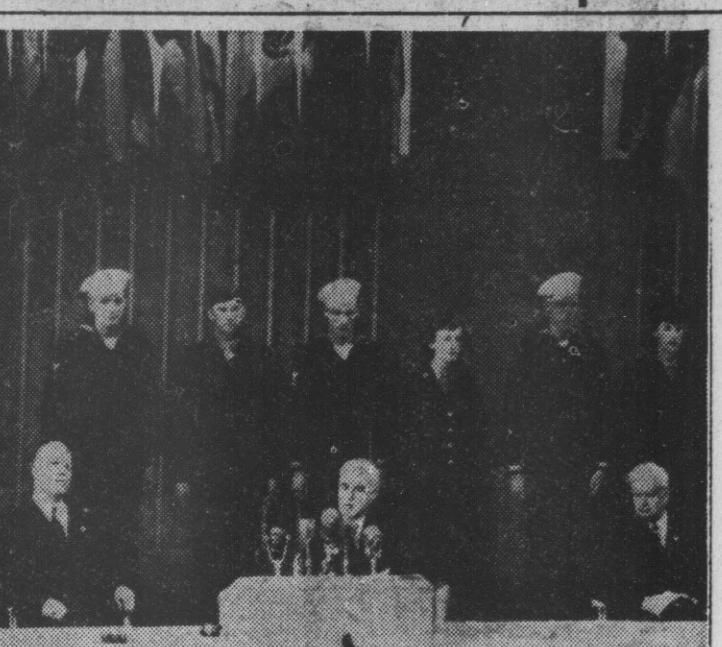
Washington, D. C. The A. F. of L. executive council, holding its quarterly meeting here, declared that with substantial cutbacks already in progress in aircraft, and shipyards planning to wind up their work, "it is imperative that a large scale reconversion program be undertaken at once."

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San Francisco Conference Opens



Listening attentively to President Truman's broadcast which officially opened the San Francisco Conference are, l to r: Governor Earl Warren of California, Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius and Mayor Roger Lapham of San Francisco. Behind them stands the guard of honor made up of service men and women. (Federated Pictures)

FEDERATION REPORTS 'UPS AND DOWNS' IN LEGISLATURE BATTLE

(Release from Office of California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

Still prominent in the interest of the State Legislature now in session are the numerous unemployment insurance bills which are being ground out by legislative committees and both Houses.

By a unanimous vote A.B. 278 (Rosenthal et al) passed the Assembly. This makes unemployment insurance benefits payable upon appeals board, regardless of subsequent action.

Similarly, and without a dissenting vote, S.B. 1093 (Shelley et al) passed the Senate. It provides penalties of from one to five weeks' waiting period for existing disqualifications, such as failure to accept suitable employment, etc. This bill places within the discretion of the Board the exact period of disqualification. Such flexibility is considered much more desirable than the present arbitrary penalties.

INSURANCE AGENTS

By a queer fluke, later, fortunately, corrected on a vote of reconsideration, S.B. 989 (Desmond) passed the Assembly. This is a bill which excludes insurance agents from unemployment insurance coverage. A motion to reconsider, however, has been carried in the Assembly.

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rouged and powdered as a result of misleading amendments, the infamous DeMille bill, A.B. 1953 (Davis and Call), is once more scheduled for the limelight. As originally introduced, the measure had one single virtue in that it was honest in its intent to hamstring labor unions and explicitly stated so. Thanks to the camouflage amendments, it now seeks to conceal its true anti-labor purpose and ostensibly pretends to be concerned exclusively with associations. Stripping away the disingenuous verbiage of the amendments, the true intent of the bill places the union in the category of an association. In spite of these efforts to repudiate it in the eyes of labor, the amended anti-labor measure will be opposed just as hard by labor as it was in its original form.

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Here's What To Write to Those Boys on Fronts

By HERBERT A. KLEIN
SEVENTH ARMY FRONT IN SOUTHERN GERMANY — (FP)—Here are a few simple tips on writing to your union brothers, your friends, family members and loved ones fighting in Germany. No doubt they apply also for writing to American soldiers in other war theaters.

First and foremost: Write often. Better a barrage of short letters than long stem-winders at long intervals. This is especially important now that the army units are moving so far so fast. Every time a GI gets a new postoffice address additional complications are caused in the delivery of mail.

If you have four letters en route to your particular soldier, one of them is likely through luck to get through to him.

Second: Mention what you have heard via radio or press about the achievements of the outfit your soldier is part of. That means finding out at least the number of his division and regiment. If you can pass along reports of what his particular battalion and company have done, so much the better. Send along clippings mentioning his outfit when you send airmail letters.

Maybe you haven't heard any news of your soldier's outfit or maybe you haven't been able to learn what it is. In that case ask him to tell you, without violating any security regulations of course, what his gang has been doing.

One of our most serious post-war problems will be getting women out of slacks and into kitchens.

LEND A HAND, NEIGHBOR, IN THE biggest clearing job in the world!



The "tank-dozer," one of America's mighty new weapons that has cleared the way for our fighting men from the hedgerows of Normandy to the jungles of Luzon

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Today your country is asking you to buy War Bonds—twice as many as you did last time—in the biggest and most urgent War Loan of all...the Seventh.

Why so much more than you bought before?

Here's why: Up to this time last year there had been two war loans. This time, the Seventh War Loan must do the job of two.

And because the cost of the war is just as great, the money you put into War Bonds in one loan now must equal what you put into two last year.

Sure, a lot of optimistic people are saying, "Look at what's happened in Europe!"

They don't stop to think that regardless of Germany's condition, we at home must keep sending our millions of men in Europe tons and tons of supplies daily.

They don't realize how much money it takes to pay for the care we must give our thousands of wounded...

TRADE YOUR FOLDING MONEY FOR FIGHTING MONEY

money for medicines, for hospital ships, for months of careful nursing and rehabilitation in hundreds of convalescent hospitals.

And in the Pacific—well, we've at last got into position where we can really start harvesting the seeds of victory our fighting men have planted.

We've got to lend those men a hand, right now, by loading more ships with more supplies, more guns, more tanks, more shells, more food than ever went across that broad ocean before.

That's why our country is asking that you back up our soldiers and sailors, among them millions of farm boys, who are fighting and dying far from their homes and fields...back them up by buying twice as many bonds as you did before.



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NEW FILMS READY FOR UNIONISTS

Washington, D. C. Three new Navy motion pictures, shedding new light on the tough job ahead in the Pacific, are ready for labor union and war plant showings. Rear Admiral Clark H. Woodward, Chief of the Navy's Industrial Incentive Division, announced. Highlighting some of the most vivid combat action of the war, the new films are:

"Pacific Milk Run"—an 18-minute account of the tough job of neutralizing by-passed Jap islands, a Marine Corps film combat report. "Brought to Action"—running time 17 minutes, an action-filled report of the strategy that upset Jap maneuvers in the epic three-day sea-air battle of the Philippines.

"Corregidor to Iwo Jima"—11 minutes, featuring scenes of the costly Iwo Jima invasion, a forecast of future resistance in the Pacific.

The films are obtainable from 85 official depositories of Army and Navy incentive film, located in and near production centers throughout the country.

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It takes a wedding

To make a fellow learn;

At first he thinks she's his;

But later learns he's her.

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One of our most serious post-war problems will be getting women out of slacks and into kitchens.

'Proud to Meet You!' . . . Yomen



LABOR FIGHTS McCORMICK'S BILL TO GAG RADIO TALKS

Springfield, Illinois
Organized labor has declared its vigorous opposition to a radio libel bill sponsored by Col. Robert R. McCormick's Chicago Tribune.

The protests were entered at hearings before the state senate judiciary committee by Financial Sec. Maurice Lynch of the Chicago Federation of Labor, who represented the AFL central body and its radio station, WCFL, the Voice of Labor.

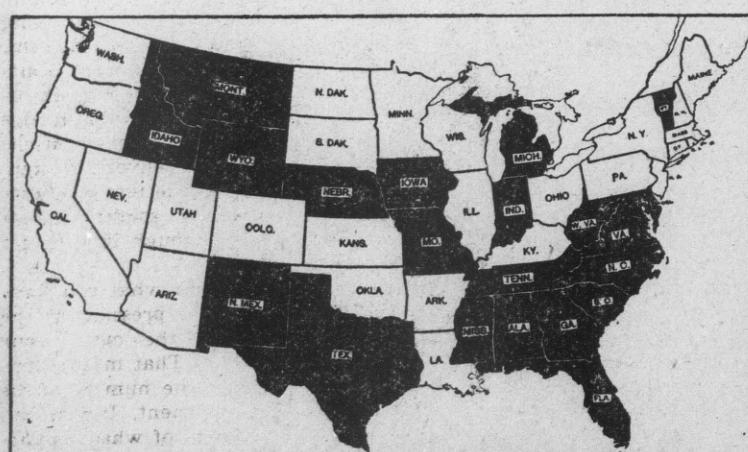
Lynch pointed out the injustice of provisions of the bill, which would hold local outlets for broadcasts originating elsewhere responsible for such broadcasts and also for any ad libbing held libelously—over which they have no control. The Tribune, which now poses as a guardian against libel, owns Station WGN in Chicago and controls the Mutual Broadcasting System, home of reactionary commentators too venomous for other networks.

The bill opens a field of opportunities for conspirators to malign the outlet station by intentionally ad libbing language not contained in the script submitted to the station before the broadcast, Lynch said.

Then and Now

Two months ago the world heard with horror that the Athenians were in danger of being massacred by E. L. A. S. "bandits," but was relieved to know that the Allies were rushing troops, tanks and guns to the rescue. Now the news is that the disarmed E. L. A. S. men are being treated savagely by the royalists, but we do not hear of movements of Allied troops. What did we expect when we compelled the Greeks to surrender power to the royalists and took the means of self-defense from the radicals?—THE AMERICAN FREEMAN.

MINIMUM WAGE



White areas in this chart show states which have minimum wage laws for women and minors. Black areas are states which have no law. Only Connecticut and New York have laws which apply also to men, and these laws are largely inoperative. In wartime the average worker's pay envelope has been adequate chiefly because of overtime and premium pay. After victory, however, many workers may go back to industries where wages are not protected by any law. Now is the time to work for state legislation guaranteeing minimums. (Federated Pictures)

WLB CHIEF LAUDS NEW 'CHARTER'

Washington, D. C.

WLB Chairman George W. Taylor, in a speech before the American Management Association in New York, applauded the new AFL-CIO-Chamber of Commerce Charter as "a gratifying once of our ability to meet whatever problems may be an ad" urged exhaustive use of collective bargaining in settling labor disputes now and in the post-war period, and discussed the "why" and the "how" of wartime wage stabilization.

Congressman DeLacy Machinist Delegate

Washington, D. C.

Rep. Hugh D. Lacy (D., Wash.) has been elected a regular delegate to the forthcoming national convention of the International Association of Machinists to be held during July in Canada. The city will be named soon. DeLacy was elected by his own local, Lodge 79 of Seattle.

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The AFL chief endorsed currency stabilization as being "to the advantage of workers" and urged U. S. participation as "both a matter of human decency and enlightened self-interest."

They were expendable; your money's lendable—BUY BONDS!

TYPOS VOTING ON ASSESSMENTS FOR ORGANIZING WORK

Indianapolis, Indiana

Union printers over the nation are voting on a proposition initiated by Rochester Typographical Local 15 (AFL) on whether to levy a $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 per cent tax on all members to hire organizers, pay strike benefits and assist local unions where necessary. Also on the referendum slate will be a pay raise for the first and second vice presidents of the international union.

HOLLYWOOD STARS WORK DILIGENTLY FOR THEIR UNION

Hollywood, Calif.

Hollywood big names work hard for their union. The following actors have consented to fill vacancies on the board of directors of the Screen Actors Guild (AFL): Marsha Hunt, Harpo Marx, Agnes Moorehead, Ralph Morgan, Robert Shayne, Robert Young.

Representative Asks Probe of Big League Negro Discrimination

Washington, D. C.

A resolution calling for an investigation of discrimination in big league baseball because of race, creed or color of prospective players was introduced in the House by Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP, N.Y.).

Marcantonio's resolution would direct Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace to conduct the probe.

Organized baseball in the U. S. has long declined to sign Negro athletes, regardless of ability.

Just a Reminder

Stuart Chase, economist, says that if there were no Office of Price Administration (OPA), prices would be FIVE TIMES as high now.

Then there is the Scotchman who signs all the telegrams he sends his girl—"Xerxes." Figures gets in two kisses without paying for them.

GIVEN MEDAL FOR SHOOTING WAY THROUGH HITLER LINE

Washington, D. C.

Capt. Charles L. Thomas, member of local 600, United Auto Workers, and a former employee of the Ford Rouge Plant, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Army's second highest decoration, for literally shooting his way through the Siegfried Line last December. A task force of the Seventh Army was organized to capture the strong German fortress at Climbback, France. Captain Thomas, a 24-year-old Negro (then lieutenant) was company commander of the Negro 614th Tank destroyer battalion.

Puzzle Supreme

Lady Astor, American-born British aristocrat, wants to join the House of Lords and give that body "something of what I've got."

We've studied her photographs carefully and can't make out, for the life of us, what it could be.



Trade your folding money for fighting money!

Buy TWICE as many War Bonds with your farm
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Get in on the fight! . . . Pitch in with every loose dollar you've got—proudly plank them down for twice as many bonds as you ever bought before!

Only when you do that can you look an American fighting man in the eye and say:

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210-225	131.25	175
200-210	112.50	150
180-200	93.75	125
140-180	75.00	100
100-140	37.50	50
Under \$100	18.75	25



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The Seventh War Loan is the biggest in America's history because seven billion dollars must be raised from individuals alone. That means you must buy more and bigger War Bonds.

This is really two great loans in one; for this time last year you had been called upon twice to subscribe in War Loans. As our fighting men raise Old Glory all over the world—let's raise the money back home!



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Want to Buy War Housing From Uncle?

Washington, D. C. Workers interested in forming mutual ownership corporations will be eligible to buy multi-family permanent war housing facilities in any part of the nation when such properties are declared surplus by the government.

That statement came from the National Housing Agency here in a discussion of the publicly financed war housing units.

FAIR CONSTRUCTION

These large apartment projects located in or near the great industrial development's and war activity centers, were carefully built to government specifications. Most of the apartments have more cross-ventilation, closet space and other desirable qualities than the usual privately constructed apartment building.

NHA said that the Lanham act which authorized the permanent war housing projects provided that disposal preferences would be given in this order: present occupants, war veterans desiring homes for their own use, other prospective occupants and private investors.

Hague On Reds'

"We hear about constitutional rights, free speech and the free press. Every time I hear those words I say to myself: 'That man is a red, that man is a communist.' You never heard a real American talk in that manner." —THE RIGHT HONORABLE FRANK HAGUE, DEMOCRATIC MAYOR OF THE GREAT CITY OF NEW JERSEY.

L. A. LABOR CO-OPERATES TO PROTECT MINORITIES

Los Angeles, Calif. In the first government-sponsored conference of its kind, representatives of industry, labor, government, community and civic groups met in Los Angeles to discuss the role of minority groups in post-war employment.

The War Manpower Commission, which sponsored the meeting, sent Lawrence A. Oxley of its Washington, D.C., bureau of placement to the coast to hold four such conferences. Others are scheduled for San Francisco, Portland, and Seattle.

"Unless safeguards are established, minority group workers may be faced with economic inactivity because of layoff or cut-back patterns," Oxley said. "No longer is there any doubt regarding occupational capacities and industrial adaptability of qualified Negro workers. Their actual performance in thousands of plants throughout the country offers convincing evidence that there is a direct relation between sound personnel methods and efficient performance by Negro workers."

Representing labor at this first west coast minority conference were Regional Director Luisa Moreno of Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers (CIO) and Sec. Lloyd Mashburn of the Los Angeles Building Trades Council (AFL).

Macy's Employees Appeal to Store Patrons for Aid In Hiking Wages

New York City

Workers at R. H. Macy & Co., world's largest department store, have gone to the customers for support in their drive for wage increases and working conditions from a sweatshop-minded management.

Pledging that they will not be provoked into striking, members of Local 1-S, United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees, are manning the store's 18 entrances morning, noon and night to take their case to the buying public.

Using their lunch hours and their days off, workers are managing to make every customer entering Macy's familiar with the fact that management, asked for wage increases permitted under the wage stabilization act, had actually come back with proposals to reduce wage scales for hundreds of Macy workers.

Thousands who came to shop after reading the leaflet, remained to sign postcards of protest urging Macy's to negotiate in good faith. Many customers reported they had visited the general manager's office, as suggested in the leaflet, to insist that management start negotiating in earnest.

Unions at Senate Hearing Ask For Seniority Setup For Naval Yards

Washington, D. C. AFL and CIO witnesses crowded into the Senate Naval Affairs Committee room recently to testify on behalf of the Magnuson-DeLacy bill (S. 594) to establish a solid seniority system in navy yards and government arsenals.

Sponsored by Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D., Wash.) and Rep. Hugh DeLacy (D., Wash.) the bill has the active support of a wide section of labor and is particularly well backed by the International Association of Machinists and the Metal Trades Department of the AFL.

Leadoff man for the proponents was Pres. N. P. Alfias of Lodge 44 (IAM), which is the local to which all navy yard and arsenal workers in the IAM are affiliated. Alfias objected to the way the present merit system operates.

Chairman Thomas Martin of the seniority committee of the IAM local at the Norfolk navy yard, Norfolk, Va., told the committee of two instances in which third class helpers had jumped seven grades to leadmen in a little over two years. He said both married into the families of their bosses, and that generally it takes about 12 years to make so much progress in the machinist trade.

Under the Magnuson-DeLacy bill, workers start as third class machinists, go to the intermediate grade in three months and six months later become first class machinists.

Brave Teamster Gets Award For Action on Front

Washington, D. C. Six days after American troops landed in Normandy, S/Sgt. John S. Ratkiewicz, a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers, Local Union 773 of Allentown, Pa., displayed such courage as a mortar squad leader under enemy fire that he has been awarded the Silver Star, the War Department announces.

The Maryland legislature has passed a bill making it illegal to use the phone for the purpose of making immoral engagements. Looks like the phone company will soon go bankrupt in that state.

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BARBER'S 827—Meets 3rd Monday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main, at 3 p.m. Pres., John Durnell, 533 E. Alisal, Secretary, Leon J. Smith, 117 Main St., phone 4302.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st Monday at 2 p.m. and 3rd, Monday at 8 p.m. at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., Pres., Eddie Rose, Secretary and Business Agent, Kari E. Hess. Office at Teamsters Hall, phone 6209.

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CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Business and social meeting fourth, Wednesday each month at Carpenters Hall, Pres., Jim Pilliar; Fin. Sec., Bernice Pilliar; Rec. Sec., Blanche Van Erion.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—No regular meetings scheduled, and subject only to call. Secretary Bertha A. Boles. Office at Teamsters Hall, Main and John Sts., phone 6209.

ENGINEERS (OPERATING) 165—Meets 2nd Monday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., at 8 p.m. Pres., C. R. Ingwersen, P.O. Box 2, Freedom, Secretary, Harry Vosburgh, 404 California St., Salinas, phone 4972.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS, LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone Salinas 9795; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 1216; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, Local Union 243—Meets the first Tuesday in each month at the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8:00 p.m. C. B. Phillips, Bus.-Mgr. Phone 3361, 25 Harvest St. E. M. Bills, Pres. Phone 6524.

HOD CARRIERS AND LABORERS UNION 272—Meets second Monday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at 117 Pajaro St. R. Fenchel, Pres., 17 Railroad Ave.; J. F. Mattos, Sec., 104 Lang St., Salinas; J. B. McGinley, Bus. Agent, office at 117 Pajaro St.

LATHERS UNION NO. 460—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Benge, Hilby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seefeld, 526 Park St., Salinas, Phone 9223.

MONTEREY COUNTY CENTRAL LABOR UNION—Meets every Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts.; W. G. Kenyon, Sec.-Treas., %Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., phone 4893; home phone 8539. Pres., F. H. L. Sprague, ph. 3863. Labor Council Negotiation Committee: Albert Harris, Main and John Sts., ph. 4983; Geo. Harter, Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main St., ph. 5721.

OPERATIVE PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS OF SALINAS AND MONTEREY COUNTY, LOCAL UNION No. 763: Meets second and fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m., at Rodéo 1423; Pres., Don Freck.

PANTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., at 7:30 p.m., Pres., Donald McBeth, 1014 Le Costa St., phone 4126, Secretary and Business Agent, Dennis Hartman, 614 Mae Ave., phone 8783.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS' UNION Local 503—Meets second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple. Pres., Orville Border; Recording Secretary, William Farr; Financial Secretary, Erwin Goodson. Office at 215 E. Alisal St., Phone 3463. Ex-Board meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Monday alternately at homes of members at 8:30 p.m. President, L. E. Pierce, 43 Roma Lane, phone 3173. Secretary, H. C. Schireke, 636 El Camino Real, No., phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328—Meets last Tuesday of month, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville, Pres., Milo Wingard, 339 West St., Salinas.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 411½ Alvarado St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825; Bus. Agent, Rec. Sec., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777. Bus. Agent for Monterey, L. T. Long, 411½ Alvarado St., Monterey.

STATE, COUNTY and MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES—Meets on call at Labor Temple; H. E. Lyons, Pres., 15 West St.; H. V. Rook, 210 Boeing Ave., Salinas, secretary.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS UNION No. 20616—President, Les Hutchings; Secy., Geo. Ulrichsen, Spreckels. Meets in Forrester Hall, Salinas 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS AND AUTO TRUCK DRIVERS' UNION, LOCAL NO. 287—Meets first Wednesday in Oct., Jan., April, July at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., Salinas, phone 7590.

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TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION No. 543—R. C. Sprague, Salinas, Pres.; A. C. Davis, Sec.-Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Meets last Sunday, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

UNITED SLATE, TILE & COMPOSITION ROOFERS, DAMP & WATERPROOF WORKERS ASSOCIATION 50—Meets 3rd Friday 88 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., Lloyd Lovett, 131 So. Branciforte, Santa Cruz; Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, Ph. 9668.

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Urge Stepping Up Campaign On Venereal Evils

Washington, D. C.—A united community attack against the problems of promiscuity and venereal disease was urged by the National Women's Advisory Committee on Social Protection, Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt announced. The committee met in Washington at the invitation of the Administrator to discuss recent developments in venereal disease control and the ways in which women's organizations and civic groups could help.

Hitler Kaput!

Now the civilians in Germany are claiming they always were anti-Nazi. When an American officer told a group of these civilians that he'd thought the Nazis had had quite a bit of popular support, one German spoke up:

"Nonsense. That's just pluto-democratic-Jewish bolshevist propaganda!"

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LABOR REPORTER ON FRONT
WARNS: "BEWARE OF FLOOD
OF 'RED' ATROCITY YARNS"**

By HERBERT A. KLEIN
SEVENTH ARMY FRONT IN GERMANY (FP)—Achtung! Gefahr!—Warning! Danger!

German fascism, though careening downhill to defeat at breakneck speed, still has a secret weapon. American labor needs to know how to detect and thwart it.

It is a racket this time, not a rocket. It is the spring 1945 version of their well-tested device: Divide and conquer. This time it has been refined and reads: Divide your conquerors and escape the consequences of defeat.

It seems as certain as that I am sitting writing this in the command post of the 15th Army Corps that among the well-to-do and influential Germans this policy is being applied consciously.

DIVISION PROPAGANDA In their contacts with American officers and GIs—and the upper class kowtows with their frequent knowledge of English seek out their contacts on many excuses despite the army's rigid anti-fraternization regulations—the Germans are pushing this notion ever more boldly: That sooner or later the U. S. will come into open conflict with the USSR. And the silent accompaniment to this theme is: The sooner the better.

WORK ON ARMY MEN After the shooting is over the audacity of these German unregenerates will grow greater if given half a chance. They are, generally, the people whose education, leisure and contacts make them able to express this divisive propaganda in a form calculated to be most appealing to Americans. The Yanks, they hope, will be soft, easy-going and receptive.

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Laundry Workers Win Fight

A bitter 4½ year struggle to organize the large Community Laundry in Los Angeles, Calif., was finally ended when contracts were signed with Local 52, Laundry Workers Intl. Union (AFL) and Local 928, Intl. Bro. of Teamsters (AFL), breaking the anti-labor front of the powerful Laundry Assn. of Southern California. Present at the signing of the contract were (seated, l to r): Pres. Einar O. Mohn of Teamsters Joint Council 42, Pres. Nathan G. Gordon and Gen. Mgr. Earl L. Clark of the Community Laundry. Local 928 officers look on. (Federated Pictures)

THAT JONES DEAL

When Bunker Jesse Jones engineered the deal by which the giant monopoly, Aluminum Corporation of America, bypassed its sole U. S. competitor Reynolds Metals, by seeing that a \$50 million contract went to its Canadian subsidiary, Aluminum Co. of Canada, he did so without full authority.

Federated Press has learned that the late President Roosevelt knew nothing of the deal until nearly two years after the contract was signed, and that Jones was on the carpet for it before FDR died.

Details of this shady transaction have been hidden, but you can catch for some important revelations in the near future. It is just another of a series of reasons why Jones was ousted.

Magazine Correspondent Says That Italy Heads for Civil War; Allies Blamed For Not Uprooting Fascism

By "OBSERVER"

Gene Rea, in the *Magazine Digest*, says that as soon as the Allies leave Italy there will be a revolution, that the fake democracy which has been foisted upon the Italians will be overthrown, and that a fascist regime will take its place.

It is plain that the British, with consent of the United States representatives, is not even trying to maintain a really democratic government and is thereby really encouraging fascism. Says Rea:

"Victor Emmanuel, nominal head, just as guilty as Mussolini, is allowed to live in luxury. His son, Prince Umberto, is actually head of the Italian government. Badoglio, conqueror of Ethiopia, who ordered the gassing of the Ethiopian armies, goes free. The fascist bigwigs are doing business as usual and occupying the same jobs they had under Mussolini."

"Fascism is deeply ingrained in Italy. Its primary concept is a one-man, one-party government. The Italians are bitter about the economic chaos that followed 'liberation,' plus the unkept promises made by the Allies. Millions of refugees are still homeless, roving aimlessly from town to town, begging food and shelter."

Mr. Rea claims that the failure of the Allied governments to form and maintain an effective democratic popular government has so disappointed the people that the poorer ones are tending toward communism. He writes:

"The Catholic church would undoubtedly support the parties of the right as it did in backing Franco in Spain. The clergy are already taking an active role in this struggle for power in Italy. They see the possibility of communism if the Russian troops sweep down from the north and they are preaching against the perils of the atheist Soviets. The industrialists, the landed proprietors, the middle class people and the bankers are taking sides with the clergy and working to counteract communist influences."

Meanwhile, the stage is being set for civil war!

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"In conclusion, the NAM will support the Industry Labor charter if it is allowed to go on fighting unions."

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BARTENDERS, HOTEL AND RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES 483—Meets at 315 Alvarado St. 1st Monday at 8:30 p.m. and 3rd Monday at 2:30 p.m. Pres. and Bus. Agent, P. O. Boat 264, Watsonville; Fin. Sec., M. P. Al 154 Morroco, Phone 6745; Rec. Sec., Geo. Heude, 203 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, Phone 7714.

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Salinas, Calif.**YOUR CONGRESSMAN REPORTS**

By GEORGE E. OUTLAND

Before making his recent, too-hurried trip to California, your representative discussed at length in this column the Bretton Woods Proposals. I pointed out at that time the fact that economic cooperation on the international level is as important as political cooperation; the two are the basic pillars upon which the structure of lasting peace must be built. I can not refrain from writing again on these all-important proposals, being firmly convinced that the bill which embodies the Bretton Woods agreements is the most important before the present Congress.

The vast majority of American organizations which have studied this legislation are heartily in favor of it. These organizations include the American Farm Bureau, all major labor organizations, the American Association of University Women, religious societies, the Independent Bankers Association, and countless others. There is a widespread conviction on the part of the American public that this legislation MUST be passed if we are not to turn to isolationism and, by so turning, take the first big step toward World War III. As I have sat in the committee during the hearings on this bill, I have been impressed by the increased interest that is being paid to international economic problems and the increased realization of our people that this time we must not make the mistake we made back in 1919.

And yet, in spite of these favorable omens, there is a good chance that the Bretton Woods bill either will be defeated or will be changed so substantially that the effect will be the same. Why? There are several reasons for this apparently confusing situation. In the first place, the opposition to the heart of the Bretton Woods plan, the stabilization fund, is well organized and is waging an incessant campaign against this part of the program. In the second place, the Banking and Currency Committee contains an unusually large number of individuals who tend toward the point of view that the United States must go extremely slow in the matter of financial cooperation with other nations. Thirdly (and this is extremely important), the Bretton Woods plan deals with a highly specialized field in which few of us are authorities, one which is difficult to understand and, as a consequence, one in which trivial details can easily be magnified and red herrings easily drawn across the trail.

Already there has been much needless delay in acting on the Bretton Woods Proposals. They were drawn up in July, 1944, but now is the committee conducting the hearings. Whether or not definite action will be taken during the weeks in which the San Francisco conference is meeting is problematical. There are still many witnesses to be heard, and the opponents of the plan are doing all they can to prolong the delay. The hammerings of the isolationist press against action will be interpreted by many representatives of foreign nations at San Francisco as straws in the wind by which they may gauge this country's stand on other cooperative proposals. There is likely to be an indifference drawn which will go much like this: "See what is happening? The United States is again backing down on its international stand. Just as was the case in 1919, when the Senate defeated a proposal which was largely the work of an American President, so now there is growing opposition to these Bretton Woods Proposals, which were drawn cooperatively and in which the Treasury of the United States played a leading role." If the isolationist attitude prevails, it will again become a case of each nation for itself, there will be a great armament race along with cutthroat competition in world markets, and eventually we will go down the road to a much more disastrous than this one.

It seems to me that it is the duty of every one of us to speed action in favor of these proposals. I am in complete agreement with the recent statement of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Bishop of the Methodist Church of New York City, which says, "If the economies of war-devastated areas are to be restored, vast undeveloped areas are to become productive, if our own economy is to be maintained, the Bretton Woods Agreements should be adopted, and, in the light of experience, improved in the years ahead. Economic matters of this kind really become moral issues."

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WITH REFERENCE TO THE SEVENTH WAR LOAN DRIVE—

We should be interested in the fact that buying bonds for the future is very important. We do not like to publish bad news; there is none in this country of ours who can foretell the future much less guarantee the workers job security. After the war some 17 million soldiers, sailors and marines will be added to the list of employee groups, and jobs will have to be found for them. If those bonds that you will buy will be kept for that period of emergency, you will be adding to the security and welfare of our economic future.

For your information, our regular meetings are as follows: Salinas area at Teamsters Hall, Main and John Streets, the first Tuesday of the month; time, 4 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Gilroy, the second Tuesday of every month; time, 8 p.m. Watsonville, the first Monday of every month; time, 8 p.m.

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Fair attendance of general membership meeting from all divisions! A really fine motion picture in technicolor was shown of the Talcott Lumber Company, showing our members at work at the various operations.

Business Representative Kenyon conducted an election at the Ralph E. Myers Company for the drivers

Brass Workers Get Fat Checks For Back Wages

Waterbury, Conn.

Approximately 2000 workers in three American Brass Co. plants in Torrington, Ansonia and Waterbury will divide approximately \$170,000 in back pay as a result of a decision of the regional War Labor Board in Boston. The workers are members of International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. The WLB approved an hourly increase in the third shift premium of 2½¢ retroactive to Dec. 31, 1943.

RECONVERSION OF AUTO PLANTS HAS BOARD'S APPROVAL

Washington, D. C.

A \$500,000,000 machine tool program and a \$35,000,000 construction program has been approved for the reconversion of the automobile industry, WPB Chairman J. A. Krug, announced in giving further details of pre-V-E Day steps taken by WPB looking toward reconversion of industry to civilian production.

Union-Busting Gang Praises Nazi Germany, Denies Terror

By JACK MORRISON

Wichita, Kansas

Spokesmen for the union-busting Christian American Assn. and midwest native fascist organizations are openly defending Nazi atrocities and spreading propaganda for a soft peace for Germany.

In an exclusive interview with Federated Press, CAA Organizer L. J. Baum was asked what he thought of the cruelty exercised by the Nazis against American prisoners of war. He said:

"I think it is terrible but bear in mind, those fellows, the GIs, went 5000 miles to get that kind of treatment. If they had stayed home where they belong, nothing like that would have happened."

DENIES ATROCITIES

The Christian Front, which conducted an intensive anti-labor drive along with its isolationist anti-war activities last winter, is taking the same line. The Rev. Wiley, secretary of the Christian Front, told FP he did not believe the reports of the Buchenwald prison camp atrocities.

"It is pure propaganda, designed to instill hatred against the German people," Wiley said, adding: "A race as intelligent and cultured as the Germans couldn't commit such atrocities."

USE POLISH SITUATION

The native fascist network has also seized on the Polish situation for its sermons that the real enemy isn't Germany but Russia. Commenting to FP on the Polish question, Christian Front Evangelist W. Wells said:

"Bloody Joe Stalin is running true to form. He has never kept a promise and never will. In destroying the greatest industrial and cultural nation in the world, Germany, we have torn down the bulwark of Christianity against bolshhevism."

MINUTES**Bldg. Trades Council**

Meeting of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Monterey County was called to order by President Wm. J. Dickerson at 8 p.m., May 3, 1945. Roll call showed seven Local Unions represented. The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. All bills were ordered paid.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received a copy of minutes from the B.C.T.C. of Santa Clara County and Monterey Peninsula Labor Council.

Approved an agreement with Tony Pine, General Contractor, building on McClellan Street, Monterey.

Received a letter from the B. & C.T. Dept. with an agreement between the Department and the war Department governing the use of prison labor in construction work.

The Labor League for Human Rights request a report on the amount donated by labor to the Red Cross during the recent campaign. (Refer to Local Unions for report.)

From the State Federation of Labor, a pamphlet, Why Prepaid Medical Insurance.

Received two Weekly News Letters from the State Federation of Labor.

Received two reports on State Legislation with copies of Assembly Bill No. 1531 and 1953, from the State B. & C.T.C. of Calif.

Received a pamphlet from the Commodity Research Bureau Inc. explaining the Social Security benefits, copies can be purchased at 15¢ per copy.

Received a letter from Roofers Local Union No. 50 asking that the jurisdiction of installing cork in hot asphalt be enforced.

By motion the request was referred to the Business Manager.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Brother Long reports the progress of jobs for the past two weeks, there are 17 new homes started during the past two weeks, aside from the remodeling and extension work, the groundwork is being done for a new fish cannery on Wave Avenue in Monterey. All workers are working short handed.

By motion the report was accepted.

REPORTS OF UNIONS

Brother Walker, Roofers—Well attended meeting April 20, 1945; several things of interest to the Local were discussed.

Brother Hicks, Roofers—Their president resigned and went into business at Santa Cruz, so Brother Ernest E. Lear was elected president.

Other Local Unions will hold meeting during the next week.

No further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. LONG

Secretary

Labor Board Chief Says Workers Should Have Wage Increases

Washington, D. C.

Chairman George W. Taylor of the National War Labor Board told the Senate civil service committee that he believed U. S. government workers were entitled to a general pay increase because they have not received the boost allowed by the Little Steel formula.

Speaking for a bill to increase salaries of federal workers, Taylor said the granting of more money to government employees "will not result in the starting of any new cycle of wage increases."

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